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Hongkong, March 6, 1879. ma13

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Stg.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879. ma15

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named Company will be Held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held to-day.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1879.

By Order,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March 1879, at 8½ o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

THIRTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March 1879, at 8½ o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March 1879, at 8½ o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March 1879, at 8½ o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March 1879, at 8½ o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March 1879, at 8½ o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March 1879, at 8½ o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

THE CHINA MAIL.

responding months of 1878, \$10,957.20, thus showing the moderate increase of \$3.12 in favour of this year so far.

We understand that Sir Thomas Wade proposes to leave this for Foochow on Friday morning, we presume, in connection with the Wu-hsi-shan dispute. He will, however, return to Hongkong before proceeding to Peking, and we believe will receive the Chamber of Commerce deputation before his final departure.

FIVE houses (Nos. 15, 21, 29, 31 and 38 Gilman's Bazaar) were pounced upon last evening by Inspector Corcoran and a party of Police, by virtue of a warrant granted by Captain Deane. No less than forty-three persons were arrested from four out of the five houses indicated: but although the houses were to all intents and purposes fixed up as gambling dens, there was no direct evidence against any of the prisoners, and they were accordingly discharged by Mr May. There is only one drop of consolation in this failure: and that is, that one or two bad characters were caught. Turnkey Mulgrave identified four of the men as having been in Gaol before as frequenters of gambling houses: and one for child-stealing once, and again for frequenting a gambling house.

We regret to have to record the sudden death of Angus Currie, P.C. 01, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, who was found drowned in the Harbour near Gibb's Wharf at 3 a.m. to-day. Deceased, who was one of the last batch of arrivals, was sent on duty at midnight on Gibb's Wharf, and was seen to be all right up to about half-past 2 o'clock. The constable in the patrol boat found him drowned at 3 o'clock, having been attracted to the spot by seeing his cap in the water. Currie had his hands in his pockets when he was found, and his bull's-eye was placed in a boat hanging on the davits. It is supposed that the poor fellow must have taken ill and fallen over the seawall or the wharf into the water. He was a Good Templar, a very intelligent man, and respectfully connected at home. An inquest will take place to-morrow, at 8.30 p.m. at the Hospital.

The fire-bell rang the alarm about ten o'clock last night, and the engineer and the brigades were promptly got under way. Eastward they wended their way, the single tols of the Central indicating that the fire was in that direction. But by the time the engine had been dragged as far as the Main Guard, Spring Gardens, intelligence arrived to the effect that the fire was at the top of Nullah Street, by the Wanchai Gap. A stack of dried grass had got ignited, some say by incendiaries, but as it was so placed that it could but burn itself out, the services of the brigades were not required. The value of the stack is fixed by one authority at \$8; and the object of the incendiaries does not appear to be very clear. Great praise must be given to the Police and the Fire Brigades for the extremely prompt manner in which they turned out; also to several Volunteers, who were present. The engine must have been en route a very few minutes after the alarm, for they arrived at the Clock Tower on their return journey about 35 or 40 minutes after 10, having accomplished a long march to Spring Gardens and back.

Canton.

March 10, 1879.

Referring to our notes of the 17th to 20th ultimo, we are glad to report that the name and responsibility of the younger Houqua has been withdrawn from the new Opium farming guild by a special application to the higher authorities for release; a step that rescues that respectable family name from permanent reproach, whilst it renders a complete collapse of the new scheme probable.

General Messy has left for his post of duty in the interior.

Reverting to our note of the 3rd, we may add, respecting the weather, that the hail-storm which you experienced was also observed in villages North of Canton; as remarkable for the size of the hail-stones; and in some localities so alarming as to recall the dread occasioned by the great Tornado of eleven months ago.

Meantime, an unusual flooding of the river and a peculiar chilliness of the Northern winds latterly indicate continuous heavy rains in the interior. On the morning of the 4th the thermometer stood at 47 deg. within doors, on that of the 6th at 45 deg., on the 8th at 52 deg., on the 7th at 58 deg., since when the cold is more moderate, but not beyond 5 or 6 degrees.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors to the eighth ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Head Office of the Company at Hongkong on Monday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 o'clock p.m.:

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the eighth annual

Report of the Company to 31st December, 1878.

The net profits for the year under review, after providing for all claims pending upon known casualties, amount to \$78,733.86, as shown in the annexed statement of accounts, which, according to the Company's Articles of Association, will have to be divided as follows:

to Reserve Fund.....	\$26,244.62
as Bonus to Contributors for 1878.....	\$52,489.24

thus increasing the Reserve Fund to \$100,378.44 and giving a return of 23% per cent. on contributions, in addition to the 12 per cent. interest to shareholders already paid.

MANAGEMENT.

The late General Agents, Messrs. Oliphant & Co., having resigned their office in December last, owing to financial difficulties, it has since been decided in public meeting to have the business of the Company conducted in future by the Board of Directors and Secretary, instead of as heretofore.

DIRECTORS.

Mr C. Morland Kerr and Mr J. F. Seaman having left the Colony, Mr D. A. J. Crombie and Mr T. G. Williamson have been elected in their stead, and their appointment requires confirmation.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr Henry Smith and Mr L. Haushild, and the Directors have pleasure in recommending their re-election as auditors for the current year.

W.M. REINERS, Chairman.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1879.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

12th March, 1879.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

John Burns Miller, an engineer, appeared to answer a charge of having assaulted a married woman named Mary Snelling, yesterday afternoon. Defendant had been admitted yesterday to bail, having been arrested, instead of being summoned as is usual in such cases.

Mary Snelling, sworn, stated:—About 2 o'clock yesterday, defendant, who has been a lodger in my house for nearly a month, came to take away his boxes. I requested him to wait until my husband returned before he took away the things; but he insisted upon taking them away, and removed his things into the street. I then asked him to pay the money for the rent, and he refused, saying, "I don't intend to pay you any money whatever, but I shall take my goods away in spite of you." I begged of him to wait till my husband returned, but he refused to do so, and used a lot of bad language which I cannot express. I am ashamed to say what it was; my husband, who heard them the second time, may repeat the words. (Here the husband was requested to leave the Court.) I again asked for the rent. This occurred partly on the landing and partly on the stairs: I had been trying to keep the coolies called by the defendant from coming in to take the luggage; but they forced their way in past me, and I was going upstairs. When I got to the top of the stairs, he struck me; I did nothing to him before he struck me. Defendant struck me with his fist between the left eye and the cheek (shows a black and swollen mark under the eye). I was knocked down, and then rolled downstairs to the street-door. When I was struck I rolled half-way downstairs, and caught the banisters: defendant then came down and kicked me twice on the side, when I rolled all the way down. I managed to get up and ran into the street, for protection from the defendant. Defendant said, when following me downstairs, "Your husband never beats you, but I'll do it for him; I'll murder you; your husband is too good for you." He ran out into the street, and I saw Mr Alabor coming along, from whom I asked protection. Mr Alabor came upstairs with me. Defendant then paid me \$15 for rent, after I had again asked for it: this was the amount due. A policeman then came and arrested the defendant. In the evening, at about 6 o'clock, I was in my bedroom, lying down; my husband was in the same room. The defendant came up, and my husband went to meet him. At the door, he again threatened my life, and said he would come every day while I was in the house. He said "She has taken the rent, she has taken my money; and now I'll have her life. She is the biggest prostitute that ever breathed." My husband induced him to go away quietly. I came to Court, although my doctor and the defendant advised me not to do so.

Cross-examined by Mr Dennis:—I only took \$15 altogether from the defendant since he had been in the house. Defendant meant that I had taken every cent he had for the rent. I did not charge any one yesterday with assault except the defendant; I made no complaint against my husband yesterday of ill-treatment. That matter has been settled by the Bishop.

Defendant assured His Worship that he would never trouble him again.

His Worship hoped he would not.

Witness deposed several letters, asking if any steps are being, or are intended to be, taken by the American portion of the community to give General Grant a public welcome on his arrival in Shanghai.

Mr Dennis said that a great deal had been said about Mr Snelling being the husband of the complainant. Witness had said her house was her husband's, and abusive language was alleged touching the complainant's character as a married woman. She had been called a prostitute, and he felt compelled to state as a fair assumption that she had been acting as one.

Witness demanded that the gentleman (meaning Mr Dennis) should prove his statements. The Bishop had arranged all that matter about herself and her husband, and the gentleman had no right to bring that matter into Court. She did not wish to have her husband brought into Court like that.

Mr Dennis said that witness had constantly introduced her husband into her story, and he merely wished to test her statement. The house she lived in was her own, as rented by her, and she and her

husband did not live together as man and wife.

Witness said that what was hers was her husband's.

Mr Dennis said that she knew perfectly well that was not so: that her property was in the hands of trustees.

His Worship informed the witness that she would have to answer the questions put to her. Mr Dennis would note that the abuse and the abusive language were separate matters; and that the assault had better be taken first.

Examination continued:—I did not attempt to stop the defendant when he struck me. Defendant did not push me; he struck me. My servants were on the passage; two amahs and a cook saw it. Of course I was perfectly sober: I have never been under the influence of drink in my life. (This was said with a deal of surprise and suppressed indignation.)

George William Snelling, sworn, states:—I am husband of the last witness. I know nothing about the affair in the afternoon; but I was in the house in the evening. Defendant came and said, as he had paid for the rooms until the end of March, he had a right to use them, and the door should be left open for him. I agreed to this, and expressed regret that anything disagreeable should have occurred. Defendant said he wished to get away, and his wife had caught her foot in the stair and fallen down. Defendant said something further; he may have been somewhat in liquor; but he made some other rational remarks (a laugh). He said that my wife was a wh—, and that he could prove it. I induced him to go away and not make a disturbance.

Cross-examined by Mr Dennis:—As married people will have, we have had little quarrels occasionally, and lately we have not got on well together. I do not know of any complaint made by my wife yesterday, though I know she went to see Judge Simole.

Defendant said to me that my wife's foot slipped. The agreement about the house was made directly between Mrs Snelling and the defendant. There were some words between Mrs Snelling and the defendant about the rent; but I had nothing to do with that, as the written agreement was between defendant and Mrs Snelling.

The rent was not due, defendant said, until 31st March; but Mrs Snelling was anxious to get it paid before. I said that was all right, but that I had nothing to do with it. I heard that there had been a row in the house afterwards.

Complainant's cook gave evidence in corroboration of the complainant's statement. The only discrepancy was that the kick followed immediately after the blow, and that defendant did not move from his position, i.e. did not come half way downstairs.

An amah, who was next called, proceeded to point out Mr Dennis as the man who had kicked her mistress; then, looking round to the complainant (who moved her hand) altered her statement and pointed to the defendant. She also said that the kick was on the left side, while complainant said it was on the right side. In cross-examination, this witness said that, when complainant fell down, she knocked her face against the door, not against the banisters. She saw no blow given. All this she swore to, as she saw it with her own eyes.

Another amah was called, but she saw nothing except a waving of hands, and heard a noise.

Mr Dennis, for the defendant, submitted that complainant had not made out her case. It had evidently been intended that her story should agree with that told by her cook and amahs, but as a matter of fact they differed very materially. Complainant had said that defendant had come half-way downstairs to kick her, while the story of the cook was that he struck her and kicked her simultaneously on the top of the stair. These discrepancies were important, as each story was sworn to. The amah, again, said complainant had hurt her head against the street-door, and said nothing whatever about a blow with the fist. He submitted that, after the story told by the complainant, and the untruths she had told in connection with the case, it would be sufficient to bind over the defendant to keep the peace. If defendant had used stronger language than was justified by the circumstances, it ought to be remembered that Mrs Snelling had been many years in the Colony, and as she had kept a public-house for a long term of years, she must have been accustomed by this time to strong language in such a measure as would certainly render the hurt to her feelings much less than she would make His Worship believe.

Politically everything is quiet. Even the movements of Nagasaki now excite but a languid interest. He has been delivering lectures in Shikoku, and is accompanied by Kataoka—he who signed the famous Riobishi memorial—and other members of the Riobishi. The ex-Sangi is expected

to be in Osaka next month for the purpose of holding a second meeting of Aikokusha, a society similar in its aims and objects to the Riobishi. What is mostly discussed

is the matter of representative institutions;

and Nagasaki is said to conceive his mission

as one to prepare the people for them,

and to hasten their introduction.

We hear that the works on the Otsu extension of the Kobe-Kioto railway are being

vigorously proceeded with, and matters are

in a forward state that it is hoped the

line may be opened for traffic as far as the

Kioto end of the Otsu tunnel by September

next, or even earlier. Tunnelling is going

on in a very satisfactory manner, and the

incars that were entertained when the ex-

excavation was begun that the rock was likely

to be of a very hard nature are not, we

learn, likely to be realized. The total

length of the tunnel will be 740 yards, and

as about one-third has already been cut

through it is expected that the line will be

in complete working order as far as the

Lake by next spring. It is in contempla-

tion by the authorities to further extend

the line from Tokio to Takasaki in Joshin;

but the cost of the interna has been al-

ready set aside to defray the expenses of

this undertaking.

From the *Hirogo News* we learn that a

fire broke out at a Match Factory connected

with the Higash jail at Sakamoto-cho, on

Monday afternoon, the 17th instant. In a

very short time the premises were a smok-

ing mass of embers. One of the engines

of our local brigade was quickly on the

spot, but its services were not required and

nothing was done, as thanks to the energy

of the native firemen and the police who

were present in force, the fire was subdued

in a very few minutes. We regret to hear

that two men were rather seriously hurt

and even others more or less injured. Two

of the convicts employed at the factory

managed to effect their escape in the con-

fusion, leaving their uniform behind. The

prisoners as a body behaved remarkably

well, and those who were employed in

helping to extinguish the flames laboured

willingly and diligently. The cause of the

fire is said to have been the ignition of a

chemical used in the manufacture of

match.

We call attention to the letter in another

part of this paper.

column from Bishop di Mazzogatta respecting the horrible sufferings the people are still enduring in the famine-stricken districts in the North. The description is simply heartrending, and the end of the misery seems far distant. Who is responsible for stopping the Home subscriptions? To whom is due the assertion, made month ago, that the famine was at an end? How many thousands of lives have since been lost?

The questions re-open themselves—What is now to be done? Who is to do it?

Who will remedy this grave error? It is all very well to say, Let the Chinese Government take care of its own poor—let the Chinese help themselves!

On the 15th instant, 40 soldiers of the Imperial

To Let.

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.
East—GROUND FLOOR, consisting of OFFICES, COMPTAORES' QUARTERS, and GODOWNS.
West—A RESIDENCE, with Business Accommodation, complete.
Gas and WATER laid on.
Each of these Premises can be Let in whole or in apartments.

Apply to
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TO LET.

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Possession on or before 15th May.
Apply to
GILMAN & Co.,
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.,
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East.

FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East.

As also,
A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.
FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE Lot 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

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TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.
Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. GROBLEN in our Firm CHAMES To-day.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the *Chinese Mail*, 聚字日報 (Wai Teo Yat Po), Ceased from the 1st August, 1877, but Debt prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN,

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

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KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the *Hongkong Chinese Mail*.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOW READY.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

Mails.



Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUBZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship GEELONG, Captain C. FRASER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 15th March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MOLVER, Superintendent,
Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL
and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, PAQUEBOTTE POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. DJEMNAH, Commandant HERNANDEZ, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPRUCE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st March, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packaged are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

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KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the *Hongkong Chinese Mail*.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 8, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Buildings, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour *c*.

Section.

- From Green Island to the Gas Works.
- From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
- From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
- From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
- From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.
- From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- From Naval Yard to the Pier.
- From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Days. Arr.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albay	7 h	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Hollow South Sea Island	K'loon Dock put back
Alice	7 h	Gen.	str.	Max. 1	Y'hama & S. F. Co.	17th, 8 p.m.
Belgio	5 c	Moyer	Brit. str.	2652	Feb. 28	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Europe, etc.	Tug Flying Malls, 16th
Bombay	1 h	Stapana	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Port Darwin	18th, 3 p.m.
Fame	6 h	Stapana	Brit. str.	117	Mar. 11	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Australian Ports	18th, noon
Geelong	5 c	Fraser	Brit. str.	1139	Mar. 11	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Salon	Salon
Hindostan	5 h	Gardner	Brit. str.	991	Mar. 10	David Sasseon, Sons & Co.	Europe, etc.	K'loon Dock
Killarney	4 c	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	Mar. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, etc.	18th, 3 p.m.
Mennaur	3 h	Darke	Brit. str.	2000	Mar. 10	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Port	Cleared
Norma	3 h	Hyde	Brit. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong	Salon	Salon
Pembambuco	5 c	Hyde	Brit. str.	643	Mar. 12	Melchers & Co.	Europe, etc.	K'loon Dock
Sea Gull	3 h	Amer.	str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	Europe, etc.	14th, daylight
Thales	4 c	Lamont	Brit. str.	820	Jan. 29	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, etc.	18th, 3 p.m.
Thingvala	4 c	Molson	Dan.	1677	Mar. 6	Meyer & Co.	Coast Ports	14th, daylight
Venice	5 h	Rhode	Brit. str.	1271				